



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Luis Rafael HERRERA ) Title: PROCESS FOR OBTAINING  
ESTRELLA ) TRANSGENIC PLANTS HAVING  
Serial No.: 09/701,589 ) IMPROVED NUTRIENT UPTAKE  
Filed: November 29, 2000 ) CAPACITY AND TOLERANCE TO TOXIC  
 ) COMPOUNDS PRESENT IN SOILS  
 ) Attorney Docket: TJK/137  
 ) Group Art Unit: 1655  
 ) Examiner: J. Taylor  
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Date of Signature: 12/13/01, 2001

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION**

Dear Sir:

With reference to the Office Action dated June 13, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of the term for response, from the present term of September 13, 2001, up to a new term of December 13, 2001.

A check is enclosed in the amount of \$460.00 for this three-month extension.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-2126 for any additional fee deemed necessary.

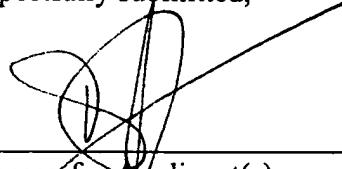
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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